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SUBJ: NEW ETHIOPIAN CABINET MEMBERS

REF: ADDIS 2568

1. ETHIOPIAN RADIO MARCH 8 ANNOUNCED NEW IEG APPOINTMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

A) BIT. ZEWDE GEBRE-HIWOT, PRESIDENT OF SENATE FROM GOV. GEN. SIDAMO. 65 YEAR OLD SHOAN, HE WAS AMB. TO US IN 58, LORD MAYOR ADDIS 1960-69, MIN. INTERIOR 1969 AND THEN SIDAMO GOV. SINCE 1971. HE ASSOCIATED WITH FORMER PM AKLILU AND CONSIDERED PRO-BRITISH AND HARD-LINER ON SUDAN. (SEE ADDIS FS-405 OF 10/52 AND BIO HANDBOOK MARCH 1969).

B) BELETE GEBRE-TSADIK, MIN. LAND REFORM (MLRA) FROM AMB. TO NIGERIA. 60 YEAR OLD, BELETE BORN DIRA DAWA. UNTIL 1969 SERVED AS MIN. STATE AND MIN OF LAND REFORM WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WAS SO DEDICATED AND SERIOUS ABOUT HIS WORK THAT HE WAS REMOVED. AMB. TO USSR IN 1969 AND TO NIGERIA IN 2/73. SAID BE PRAGMATIST AND OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PEACEFUL CHANGE IN ETHIOPIA. (SEE DEPT'S A-3251 OF APRIL 1973.)

C) LT. GEN. ASSEFA AYENE, MIN. OF COMMUNICATIONS FROM HIS
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RECENT ASSIGNMENT AS MIN. CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM WHICH

NOW VACANT. (ADDIS 2403).

D) MILLION NEQ NEQ, MINISTER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, FROM MIN. STATE EDUCATION, MEMBER SAME AMHARA CLAN AS ENDALKAOCHEW. SERVED IN MIN EDUCATION MANY YEARS AND BECAME MIN STATE IN 1971. CONSIDERED PROGRESSIVE, FAIR ADMINISTRATOR, HARD-WORKING. WAS KEY ARCHITECT ED. SECTOR REVIEW AND IEG SPOKESMAN IN DEALING CURRENT TEACHERS STRIKE. (SEE ADDIS FS-405 OF 6/73).

E) TADESSE TEREFEW TM MINISTER EDUCATION FROM WORLD BANK. EDUCATED UNIV. CHICAGO, SERVED MANY YEARS MIN. EDM AS ASST. MIN. DESCRIBED AS DYNAMIC, PERSONABLE, SHIFTY AND FAVORITE OF FORMER PM AKLILU.

2. POSITION MIN. FINANCE STILL VACANT. NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER LABOR WILL BECOME SEPERATE MINISTRY, HANDLED BY PM'S OFFICE OR CONTINUE UNDER MIN. COMMUNITY DEV. WYMAN

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